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SHield-72

(RED MANEUVERS)

PRAGE--ARMIES OF THE COMMUNIST BLOC WARSAW PACT TODAY BEGAN ONE OF THEIR BIGGEST JOINT MANEUVERS, THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY CTK SAID. TROOPS FROM HUNGARY, EAST GERMANY, POLAND, THE SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE TAKING PART IN THE EXERCISES CODE-NAMED "SHIELD 72" IN SOUTHERN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, CTK SAID.

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USSR/EUR

FBIS 80

BRATISLAVA RECEPTION MARKS BEGINNING OF WARSAW PACT EXERCISE

L 112132 PRAGUE CTK INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 0839 GMT
11 SEP 72 L

(TEXT) [BRATISLAVA SEPT 11 CETEKA--THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SLOVAKIA, THE SLOVAK COUNCIL AND THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT GAVE A RECEPTION HERE TONIGHT TO MARK THE BEGINNING OF THE EXERCISES OF THE ARMIES OF THE WARSAW TREATY MEMBER STATES, 'SHIELD 72'.

THE RECEPTION WAS ATTENDED BY LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WARSAW TREATY ARMIES, AND CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDUM MEMBER OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE JOZEF LENART, SLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ONDREK KLOKOC, CZECHOSLOVAK DEPUTY PREMIER JINDRICH ZAHRADNIK, DEFENCE MINISTER ARMY GENERAL MARTIN DZUR, MILITARY ATTACHES OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONSULATES OF SOCIALIST VICTORIES IN BRATISLAVA.]

11 SEP 2326Z RS/GG

~~CZECH/USSR/EUR~~

FBIS 21

WARSAW PACT EXERCISES BEGIN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA ~~ANNOUNCED IN PRAGUE~~

L 120947 PRAGUE CTK INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 0840 GMT
12 SEP 72 L

(TEXT) PRAGUE CETEKA--ONE OF THE BIGGEST ALLIED EXERCISES OF THE WARSAW TREATY ARMIES, SHIELD 72, BEGAN ON THE TERRITORY OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK SOCIALIST REPUBLIC TODAY IN LINE WITH THE PLAN OF THE COMMAND OF THE JOINT ARMED FORCES OF WARSAW TREATY MEMBER STATES.

PARTICIPATING ARE TROOPS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S ARMY, THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S ARMY OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, THE POLISH PEOPLE'S ARMY, THE SOVIET ARMY AND THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY.

THE ALLIED EXERCISES ARE COMMANDED BY ARMY GENERAL MARTIN DZUR, CZECHOSLOVAK NATIONAL DEFENCE MINISTER.

12 SEP 1019Z EH/TN

FBIS 65 (SEE 21)

CPCZ, WARSAW PACT MILITARY LEADERS WATCH MILITARY EXERCISE

L 121525 PRAGUE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN CZECH 1430 GMT 12 SEP 72 L

(TEXT) PRESIDUM MEMBER OF THE CPCZ CENTRAL COMMITTEE GUSTAV HUSAK, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE; LUBOMIR STROUGAL, THE FEDERAL PRIME MINISTER; AND JOZEF LENART, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CPSL CENTRAL COMMITTEE; AS WELL AS OTHER LEADING PARTY AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND GENERALS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY, TODAY WATCHED FROM GUESTS OF HONOR STAND THE EXERCISE OF TROOPS AND STAFFS OF THE ALLIED ARMIES DURING "SHIELD-72" EXERCISES. TAKING PART IN THIS EXERCISE ALSO ARE THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE JOINT ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT STATES, MARSHAL OF THE SOVIET UNION IVAN IGNATYEVICH YAKUBOVSKIY; THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE JOINT ARMED FORCES, ARMY GENERAL SERGEY MATVEYEVICH SHTEMENKO; AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMAND OF THE JOINT ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT STATES. ALSO PRESENT, AT THE HEAD OF MILITARY DELEGATIONS, ARE MINISTERS OF NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER STATES AND OF OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. THE EXERCISE IS ALSO BEING FOLLOWED BY A DELEGATION OF THE CHIEF COMMAND OF THE JOINT ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW PACT STATES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HEADED BY ITS SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE COL GEN KONSTANTIN GRIGORYEVICH KOZHANOV, AND BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CENTRAL GROUP OF TROOPS OF THE SOVIET ARMY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ALSO PRESENT ARE MILITARY, AIR AND NAVAL ATTACHES OF THE SOCIALIST STATES.

THE FIRST HOURS OF THE "SHIELD-72" EXERCISE HAVE ALREADY SHOWN QUITE CONVINCINGLY THAT LANGUAGE DIFFERENCES HAVE IN NO WAY IMPEDED INTEGRATED ACTION IN CARRYING OUT JOINT COMBAT TASKS. PRECISE UNDERSTANDING AND EXECUTION OF COMBAT TASKS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE AMONG OTHER THINGS BY PERFECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE MILITARY ART, WHICH ARE UNIFORM IN ALL THE FRATERNAL ARMIES OF THE WARSAW PACT. IN COMPARISON WITH THE RECENT PAST, THE JET PLANES HAVE MUCH MORE POWERFUL ROCKETS AND GUNS. IN USING GROUND BASED RADIOELECTRONIC DEVICES THEY CAN DEVELOP COMBAT ACTIVITY EVEN IN COMPLICATED METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS, BOTH BY DAY AND NIGHT.

12 SEP 1829Z RS/CAJ

FBIS 18

WARSAW PACT ARMY DELEGATIONS ARRIVE IN BRATISLAVA

L 1111010 PRAGUE CTK INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 0930
GMT 11 SEP 72 L

(TEXT) BRATISLAVA SEPT 11 CETEKA--ARMY DELEGATIONS
OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES TO THE JOINT EXERCISES OF
WARSAW TREATY TROOPS 'SHIELD 72' IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA
ARRIVED HERE TODAY.

THE DELEGATIONS INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
BULGARIAN PEOPLE'S ARMY LED BY DOBRI DZHUROV, MINISTER
OF NATIONAL DEFENCE; OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S ARMY HEADED
BY DEFENCE MINISTER LAJOS CZINEGE; OF THE GDR, POLISH,
ROMANIAN AND PEOPLE'S MONGOLIA'S ARMIES LED BY DEFENCE MINISTERS
GENERAL HEINZ HOFFMANN, COLONEL-GENERAL WOJCIECH JARUZELSKI,
GENERAL ION IONITSA AND GENERAL BATYNA DORDZHA, RESPECTIVELY.

MEETING THE DELEGATIONS AT THE AIRPORT WERE JOZEF LENART,
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE SLOVAK COMMUNIST PARTY; ONDREJ
KLOKOC, CHAIRMAN OF THE SLOVAK NATIONAL COUNCIL; CZECHOSLOVAK
DEPUTY PREMIER JINDRICH ZAHRADNIK AND DEFENCE MINISTER
GENERAL MARTIN DZUR; MARSHAL IVAN IGNATEVICH YAKUBOVSKIY,
COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE WARSAW TREATY ALLIED ARMIES;
GENERAL SERGEY MATVEYEVICH SHTEMENKO, HEAD OF STAFF OF THE
WARSAW TREATY ARMIES; CZECHOSLOVAK AND SLOVAK COMMUNIST
PARTY OFFICIALS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SLOVAK GOVERNMENT,
AND OTHER OFFICIALS.]

11 SEP 1056Z BG/TM

FBIS 75

HUNGARIAN TROOPS TAKE OFFENSIVE IN 'SHIELD 72'

L 121817 BUDAPEST MTI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN HUNGARIAN 0700 GMT
12 SEP 72 L

(TEXT) THE MILITARY MANEUVERS OF FIVE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
CODE-NAMED "SHIELD-72" HAVE BEGUN IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. SEVERAL
TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS AND SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF COMBAT
VEHICLES OF CZECHOSLOVAK, POLISH, HUNGARIAN, GDR AND SOVIET UNITS
ARE TAKING PART.

THE MANEUVERS, WHICH EXTEND OVER A VERY WIDE AREA, HAVE BEGUN
UNDER VERY COMPLICATED METEOROLOGICAL AND TERRAIN CONDITIONS. *{ Bad weather? }*
OUR PEOPLE'S ARMY'S UNITS ARE ALREADY ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN THE
FIRST DAY'S MILITARY OPERATIONS. THEY HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED THE
TASK OF BREAKING THROUGH THE ENEMY'S PRESUMED DEFENSE POSITIONS
ON A GIVEN STRETCH OF TERRAIN WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK
AIR FORCE.

12 SEP 1930Z DW/CAJ

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FINALE OF WARSAW PACT WAR GAMES BEGINS

L122328 PRAGUE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN CZECH 2030 GMT 12 SEP 72 L

(EXCERPTS) THE FINAL PART OF EXERCISE "SHIELD 72" STARTED TODAY IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE REPUBLIC. THE FIRST HOURS OF THE EXERCISE HAVE ALREADY CONFIRMED THE HIGH COMBAT PREPAREDNESS OF THE ARMIES TAKING PART IN THE EXERCISE. BEFORE ONE OF THE OBSERVATION POSTS, WHERE OUR LEADING PARTY AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES HAD TAKEN THEIR PLACES TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAIN COMMAND OF THE JOINT ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY AND THE DELEGATIONS OF THE ARMIES OF THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, THERE GRADUALLY UNROLLED AN OPERATION OF SOVIET, POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK UNITS. THE POSITIONS OF THE OPPONENT WERE STRAFED BY CZECHOSLOVAK AIRMEN PILOTING THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SUPERSONIC PLANES, OF SOVIET MANUFACTURE, DESTROYING THE FORCES OF THE OPPONENT WITH EXACT HITS.

POLISH UNITS DISPLAYED THEIR MASTERY DURING THE ARTILLERY PREPARATION. POLISH TANKMEN, TOO, DEALT PERFECTLY WITH THEIR EXCEPTIONAL TASK. CZECHOSLOVAK SIGNALMEN ALSO DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES.

SOVIET AND CZECHOSLOVAK UNITS, SUPPORTED AGAIN BY THE AIR FORCE AND ARTILLERY, WENT INTO ACTION IN A DIFFERENT AREA. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT DARKNESS MADE ORIENTATION AND OBSERVATION, MAINTENANCE OF CONTACT AND COOPERATION, AND OVERCOMING OF BARRIERS AND OBSTACLES DIFFICULT, ALL UNITS FULFILLED THEIR TASKS IN AN EXCELLENT MANNER (WORDS INDISTINCT) ORIENTATION WAS POSSIBLE IN THE DIFFICULT TERRAIN ONLY WITH THE AID OF INFRARED EQUIPMENT.

A BATTERY OF HUNGARIAN HOWITZERS WENT INTO ACTION DURING THE ARTILLERY PREPARATION OF ONE PHASE OF TODAY'S EXERCISE. EVEN BEFORE THE END OF THE LAST SALVOES, HUNGARIAN TANKS AND ARMORED CARRIERS STORMED OUT FROM THEIR FRONT SHELTERS. THE CZECHOSLOVAK TANKMEN AND AIRMEN ATTACKED WITH THE SAME DETERMINATION.

THE COOPERATION OF THE FRIENDS-IN-ARMS PROVED THAT, THANKS TO THE EXCELLENT PREPAREDNESS OF THE CREWS AND TO THE QUALITY OF WEAPONS, THEY ARE CAPABLE OF SOLVING ANY OF THE MOST COMPLICATED TASKS.

13 SEP 0204Z PK/MC

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FBIS 82 (REOPENING 21)

ONLY ADD 21 (WARSAW PACT EXERCISES)

XXX NATIONAL DEFENCE MINISTER.

(TEXT) THE WARSAW TREATY MILITARY EXERCISES SHIELD 72, WHICH BEGAN TODAY ON CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY, ARE BEING WATCHED IN THE VARIOUS AREAS BY DR GUSTAV HUSAK, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY, FEDERAL PREMIER LUBOMIR STROUGAL, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF SLOVAKIA JOZEF LENART, AND OTHER PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

ALSO PRESENT IS THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE WARSAW TREATY ALLIED FORCES, SOVIET MARSHAL IVAN I. YAKUBOVSKIY, CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ALLIED FORCES GENERAL SERGEY M. SHTEMENKO, AND DEFENCE MINISTERS OF THE WARSAW TREATY MEMBER COUNTRIES.

IN THE FIRST HOURS AFTER THE ENEMY INVASION, UNITS OF FRATERNAL SOCIALIST ARMIES HAVE MOUNTED A CRUSHING COUNTER-ATTACK, IN LINE WITH THE MAIN MILITARY-POLITICAL OBJECTIVE OF THE EXERCISES EXPRESSED BY THE MOTTO "THE WARSAW TREATY--THE SHIELD OF SOCIALISM". THE TROOPS DISPLAYED DYNAMIC MANEUVERABILITY, HIGHLY ACTIVE FORMS OF WARFARE AND ADAPTABILITY TO SUDDEN CHANGES IN THE SITUATION.

THEY WERE SUPPORTED BY THE AIR FORCE, WHICH HELPED REPEAL THE ATTACKING 'ENEMY' BY FAST, DESTRUCTIVE STRIKES, AND SHOWED THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK AIR FORCE, TOGETHER WITH THE AIR FORCES OF THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES, HAS BEEN STEADILY IMPROVING ITS ABILITY TO PROTECT THE WESTERN PART OF THE WORLD SOCIALIST SYSTEM.

12 SEP 2121Z JPC/MC

SHIELD - 72

FBIS 50

CPCZ PARTY OFFICIALS, OTHERS WATCH SHIELD 72 EXERCISES

141413 PRAGUE DOMESTIC SERVICE IN CZECH 1130 GMT 14 SEP 72 L

(TEXT) TODAY'S SHIELD 72 COMBAT ACTIONS OF THE WARSAW TREATY ARMIES ON CZECHOSLOVAK TERRITORY ARE BEING WATCHED BY MEMBERS OF THE CPCZ CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDUM JOSEF KORCAK AND KAREL HOFFMANN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CONTROL AND AUDITING COMMISSION MILOS JAKES, SECRETARY OF THE CPCZ CENTRAL COMMITTEE FRANTISEK ONDRICH, AND OTHER PARTY AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES.

IN THE OBSERVER STANDS ARE THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE JOINT ARMED FORCES OF THE WARSAW TREATY STATES, MARSHAL IVAN I. YAKUBOVSKIY, AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JOINT ARMED FORCES COMMAND, DELEGATIONS OF THE FRATERNAL ARMIES HEADED BY THE MINISTERS OF NATIONAL DEFENSES AND GENERALS OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PEOPLE'S ARMY.

THE SHIELD 72 EXERCISE IS CONTINUING WITH GROWING INTENSITY UNDER EXACTING COMBAT CONDITIONS. DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS, THANKS TO A CONCENTRATED ATTACK, THE TROOPS BROKE THROUGH THE DEFENSE OF THE OPPONENT IN SEVERAL PLACES AND COMPELLED HIM TO RETREAT.

14 SEP 1545Z RS/WA

WARSAW PACT TROOPS TO HOLD PRAGUE MARCHPAST 16 SEP

L 141931 PRAGUE CTK INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ENGLISH 1732 GMT 14 SEP 72 L

(TEXT) PRAGUE, SEPT 14 CETKA--A PARADE OF SOVIET, HUNGARIAN, GDR, POLISH AND CZECHOSLOVAK UNITS TAKING PART IN THE CURRENT MILITARY EXERCISES OF WARSAW TREATY FORCES 'SHIELD 72' WILL BE HELD IN PRAGUE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16. MOTORIZED INFANTRY, ARTILLERY, ARMoured UNITS, ENGINEERS, MISSILE UNITS AND AIR FORCE FORMATIONS OF THE FIVE ARMIES WILL TAKE PART IN THE MARCHPAST.

14 SEP 2117Z JPC/GWG

PRAGUE SEPT. 15, REUTER ABOUT 100,000 TROOPS FROM
THE SOVIET UNION, HUNGARY, POLAND, EAST GERMANY AND
CZECHOSLOVAKIA TODAY ENDED FOUR DAYS OF MILITARY EXERCISES,
DESCRIBED AS SOME OF THE BIGGEST EVER STAGED BY THE WARSAW PACT
COUNTRIES

THE MANEUVERS, CODE NAMED "SHIELD 72," WERE HELD
THROUGHOUT CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WERE UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE
CZECHOSLOVAK DEFENSE MINISTER GEN. MARTIN DZUR.

CETKA THE CZECHOSLOVAK NEWS AGENCY, REPORTING THE END OF
THE EXERCISES SAID THEY HAD SHOWN "THE IRREPLACEABLE ROLE
PLAYED IN THE ACTIVE DEFENSE OF PEACE AND THE STRENGTHENING OF
INTERNATIONAL SECURITY BY THE SOCIALIST ARMIES AND THE ENTIRE
DEFENSIVE COMMUNITY OF THE WARSAW TREATY HEADED BY THE
SOVIET UNION."

A SPECIAL CEREMONY WAS HELD IN ONE OF THE EXERCISE AREAS TO
MARK THE END OF THE MANEUVERS.

ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WERE THE WARSAW PACT COMMANDER-IN-
CHIEF MARSHAL IVAN YAKUBOVSKY, OF THE SOVIET UNION, CZECHOSLOVAK
PREMIER LUBOMIR STROUGAL, AND THE DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THE
SEVEN COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE, INCLUDING RUSSIA S MARSHAL
ANDREI GRECHKO.

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FBIS 78

HUNGARIAN UNITS ARRIVE IN CSSR FOR WARSAW PACT MANEUVERS

L051949 BUDAPEST IN HUNGARIAN TO WEST EUROPE 1900 GMT 5 SEP 72

(TEXT) UNITS OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S ARMY WHICH WILL
TAKE PART IN THE JOINT MANEUVERS OF THE WARSAW PACT MEMBER-STATES
HAVE ARRIVED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA. A SPECIAL MTI CORRESPONDENT
REPORTS THAT DURING THE DAY THE HUNGARIAN UNITS MET WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CZECHOSLOVAK PUBLIC.

SEP 2104Z JPC/GG